(c) whether the implementation of the Family Welfare Programmes during the last two years was very slow; if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the deficiencies brought to the notice of the Union Government by the State Governments and concrete proposals likely to be adopted for effective implementation of the programmes during the next two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI) : (a), (b) and (d) For ensuring effective implementation of the Family Welfare Programme in the country, the programme is periodically reviewed on the basis of field experience and in consultation with State Governments. Based on such reviews, the strategy for its implementation is modified from time to time, in keeping with the requirements. The strategy involves strengthening of infrastructure, improving the quality of services, improved information, education and communication activities, greater emphasis on maternal and child health care, better arrangements for supply and distribution of contraceptives etc.

(c) The performance of the programme on an all India basis, under various methods of contraception, during the last two years, is given in the attached statement. Lower performance in different States/UTs can be attributable to disturbed conditions, vacancies of F.W. staff at different levels, etc.

TARGETS AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESPECT OF F.P. METHODS DURING 1989-90 & 1990-91- ALL-INDIA

(Figures in 000's)

Methods	Targets		Achievements*		% Achievements of Targets	
	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91	1989-90	1990-91
Sterilisations . . .	5449	5804	4181	4122	76.7	71.0
IUD Insertions. . .	5253	6400	4937	5322	94.0	83·2
C.C. Users(Eq.) . .	14016	15080	14186	14707	101.2	97.5
O.P. Users(Eq.) . .	2094	2493	2740	3107	130.9	124.6

*Figures Provisional

PERMISSION OF RBI FOR MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE BY INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

65. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Indian Council of Historical Research is required to take permission of the Reserve Bank of India to sanction maintenance allowance in foreign currency; and

(b) if so, the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) and (b) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Council sanctions maintenance grant to scholars in Indian currency to undertake research abroad. Scholars who are sanctioned such grants have themselves to apply to the Reserve Bank of India for foreign exchange under the Foreign Exchange regulation Act, 1973.

EFFICACY OF CHOLERA VACCINE

66. SHRI MANORANJAN SUR : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the efficacy of currently available cholera vaccine has been seriously questioned by medical experts;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether a large number of people have been innoculated with cholera vaccines this year, if so, the details thereof; State-wise;